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MISS ALICE SMITH SAYS. Ever Since She Told in "The Sun" What Was New York's Greatest Need Suggestions and Offers of Help Have Poured In-

\$300,000 IN SIGHT TO BUILD IT,

Now She Hopes to Carry OutHer Plan. Miss Alice Smith, probation officer at the Yorkville police court, is sighing for more ime. Some weeks ago THE SUN printed an interview in which she said that the greatest need of New York was a home, or ather a boarding house or hotel for working girls, and as a result suggestions, inoffers of money and of personal help

a-e flowed in upon her from many sources.

None of the various communications has

contained a syllable of discouragement. And not one of the many persons I have talked with about my plan-Magistrates. lawyers, clergymen, priests, settlement workers, proprietors and managers of little, and it is this fact which has led to the stores that employ hundreds of girlshas put up the least opposition to the scheme," said Miss Smith beamingly. "It is for that reason that I am all the more anxious to get on with the work, which would have been well under way by this time

had I not been so busy with my regular "I need more time. Perhaps I shall take a couple of weeks off next month and devote them entirely to preliminaries connected with choosing a building site, approving architects' plans and choosing com-

"Yes, we have gone so far that there's no question but that a working girls' hotel at arge amounts of money have been promsed by persons whose names for the present I am asked to withhold, and there are York who I have every reason to think will respond liberally just so soon as they are asked to give.

"The sum of \$300,000 will be needed to erect and equip a building such as I have in mind, and that it will be forthcoming when needed I have not the least doubt." Miss Smith was reminded that from time to time schemes resembling hers had been projected without resulting in any-

thing concrete and that the problem of providing a room and board in a modern, sanitary building, situated in a good locality, at \$3 or \$4 a week, had been often tackled and as often given up by philanthropists, and this question was put:

"Has any definite step yet been taken to make the hotel you are dreaming of a

"Yes," she answered, quickly. "What I consider a very definite and important step was taken about three weeks ago at a meeting of the Board of Magistrates in the Fifty-fourth street court.

"On that occasion Judge Flammer, president of the board, presided, and among those present were Judge Hogan, who has since died; Ju ge Moss, Judge Whitman and the secretary of the board, all of whom gave their unqualified approval to the suggestion of building a boarding house for worlding girls and emphasized the urgent need there is for something of the kind. They even went so far as to promise to act with a like number of women whom I should select as an executive committee, to get the preliminaries into systematic order and help to launch the enterpr ise on an entirely practical basis.

Judge Hogan's death is a great blow porters of the plan; but his place will in a neasure be filled by his daughter, Miss Hogan, who got her inspiration from her father, and who has promised to act on the ittee I have mentioned. The other of the girls paying carfare. women I have selected to serve with her are people who have a thorough knowledge

desirable 'boarding house. In this case thirty-second anniversary of the patron the building and its equipment will be given by private subscriptions, and after that the guests will support it. There will be no company formed and no stock will be put upon the market.

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"It is entirely my fault that so far I have we have it in this country. If he did all problems and to St. Agnes's Church in East Forty-came from adjoining towns in Connecticut. Mr. Mather was from Darien, where he still has a country seat; Mr. Camp are octogenarians. They all sead to the furious storm is rolling. Which forder Fiends, Confederates, raise: And lo our infant cities blaze! And l

no more progress to report, and my slowness in the matter is simply from lack of time to formulate a definite working plan for utilizing all the offers of help which have

"One young man with plenty of money and leisure and a desire to do charitable work-a combination not very commonbas offered to act as secretary for us free of charge. That is only one instance of many which show how eager some part of the public are for a working girls' hotel.

"I am not sure, by the way, whether the building will be christened boarding house or hotel. Some persons think 'hotel' is too high sounding. One thing is sure, that it will not be called a 'home'-a name which to the average working girl always suggests a charitable institution.

"The reason the Police Magistrates I have mentioned take such an interest in the plan is that, like myself, they come in contact every week, almost every day, with young women who owe their downfall to their inability to live on an income of \$5 or \$6 a week, if out of that sum they must pay for board and lodging.

*Fortunately a large proportion of New Tork's working girls live at home-a wretched enough place it may be, a badly ventilated tenement where two or three share perhaps one dimly lighted bedroom; but nevertheless a place where a girl has more or less freedom and which, if there is a mother in it, is a powerful influence

to keep her in the straight path. "On the other hand, there is an even larger number of girls who have no home other than a boarding house, and of these a large proportion are country born and

'Yes, I know what many people say that there are many lodging houses and boarding houses in this city conducted wholly in the interest of homeless young women, and to some extent that is true. But, after all, supposing these places were popular, which unfortunately they are not, in number they fall far short of the need.

"As it is, some are sectarian, only Catholies being eligible for admission, or Protestants only, as the case may be, and in many of them boarders are hedged around with so many rules and regulations that they chafe and fret under them and finally pack up and get out, often after a week's trial. I am not asserting that the rules are not wholesome, but simply that they are obnoxious to the average respectable workmg girl, and the working girl always starts

-all of which, I think - are under the con- be present.

A HOTEL FOR WORKING GIRLS. trol of one or another religious organization, there are few places where board SNOW TOP QUARTEI'S REUNION and lodging may be had for \$3 or \$4 a week. unless it is in flats or tenements, where accommodations are far from comfortable SANG FOR FREMONT IN 1856, ARE and privacy is almost impossible.

"Again and again in court clergymen and priests have come to me and asked: 'Can you tell me of any respectable private

young girls to board." "'So do I,' I said, sympathetically. "As most people know, in private families young men are more popular as boarders than young women, pay the latter much or

establishment of women's hotels. "When the Martha Washington Hotel was first talked of many of my associates thought they saw a ray of light for the homeless working girls, but, as it has turned out, only women who are making a fairly good income can afford to live there, the lowest rate being 19 a week, at which price or even for a dollar or two lower, it is possible to get fairly decent boarding accommodations in many respectable boarding houses and private families. I am not worrying

about that class of wage earners. They are not the ones who oftenest turn up in court. "The girls I am looking out for-and there is a tremendous army of them in New popular prices is an assured thing. Several York-earn from \$5 to \$6 a week-no morewhich means that they can't possibly pay more than \$3 or \$4 for board and lodging.

Will you please tell me how I can live dozens of women of large means in New on \$5 a week?' has been the cry over and over again of the girls I have met while on duty as probation officer.

"Only a few days ago two refined looking girls who came from the West to New York last fall to earn their own living tearfully put that question to me before they were taken before the Justice. And the saddest part of it all is that I don't know how to answer such questions.

"The only solution, to my mind, is a cleanly, homelike boarding house, where the maximum charge is \$4 a week, where every boarder may have a room to call her own small though it might be-a place where she could spread out her photographs on walls and bureau to suit herself; which would include pleasant sitting rooms, and, last, but not least, be unsectarian and quite free from the sometimes cast iron charitable institution rules. "There will be no prayers in the public

parlors. I would have every young girl I know do her praying at the time and in the place which suits her best, and if she feels like it attend the church which best pleases her, or stay at home if she is so inclined. I believe that the rules which govern any small respectable boarding house or hotel which entertains women will be quite sufficient to operate a woman's boarding house accommodating 250 or 300, which is the number we purpose entertaining. A smaller number could hardly be made to pay.

"I have consulted with practical housekeepers who agree with me-and I, too, am a practical housekeeper-that even at the low prices quoted good, wholesome food and a room to every boarder can be pro vided, without incurring a deficit. In fact to me, for he was one of the warmest sup- that phase of the enterprise gives me less concern than does the task of securing a suitable site in a respectable neighbor hood which shall be sufficiently near the shopping district to remove the necessity

"I have not got so far as to determine thoroughly practical and experienced. In whether we shall rent any of the rooms fact, so far as it is possible, only practical without board or not," Miss Smith remarked, in answer to a question

be sung as to know what should not be sung at high mass or vespers, according to the letter of Pius X. Much more latitude when hymns in English are often sung.

"'Sacred music is not an essential part, but only a complementary part of the solemn liturgy,' says the papal letter; and if we in this country have been at times using improper church music the fault lies at the door of our foreign brethren who have been importing to us the masses of Mercadante, Rossini and Verdi and the florid compositions of Capocci from Italy; the masses of Lambilotte, Selle, La Hache, Silas, Guilmant. Dubois and Gounod from Chicago, and the train was due in Chicago France; Mozart, Haydu, Beethoven, Von about 8 o'clock in the morning. There Weber and Schubert from Germany; Liszt from Hungary, Poniatowski from Poland and scores of others, great and small, toler-ated and sanctioned by priests, bishops

and popes across the Atlantic.

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STILL SINGING.

Met Last Week in Honor of the Birthday

the Connecticut born men were the ones picked out to do the high class singing of the campaign.

Mr. Mather was the principal of a public school in Chrystie street which had 2,500 pupils; Mr. Camp was a choir leader. Mr. Taylor was a piano manufacturer and Mr. Warner was employed in the Custom House. They liked music and hated slavery and

Can you tell me of any respectable private family which would take a young girl to board? and always I am obliged to answer:

'I wish I did.'

"Not long ago I said to a priest whom I know very well, and who is often in court in behalf of some wayward one of his flock."

"Mrs. Blank is willing to take several young men to board at a very low price, and give them a comfortable, respectable home."

"And,' he replied, 'how I wish you could tell me of some one who would take several young girls to board.'

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to Caruso yet, and, for that matter, we the platform and stamped on them the In fact, the only time I remember of having

"A Little More Cider, Too": Erastus Brooks of The Express
Is really nominated
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THE SNOW TOP QUARTET.

seem to sleep with one eye open all night in order to be the first to reach the women's dressing room at daylight in the morning?

And how the first up makes about four Indian seem to sleep with one eye open all night by the minister who officiated on both which it has been no event in which it has been n is given to the music which may be sung strides of it to the women's dressing room at low masses or at non-liturgical services, and bangs the door thereof in the faces of

mear home first, for reform, like charity, begins at home. The letter has been misinterpreted by many who imagine that it condemns modern music. It does not. It condemns modern music. It does not lit condemns the abuse of music. It condemns the abuse of music. It condemns only what every man of religious sentiment must condemn. All that offends the decorum and the sanctity of the sacred functions and is thus unworthy of the house of prayer and of the majesty of God."

Asked if he was going to disband his mixed choit. Dr. Brann answered: "Certainly not." He said further that everybody went off "half cocked" immediately on receipt of the Pope's letter and the central idea which dominated every one was, "get rid of the women."

"Now, many of the churches which did get rid of the women," said Dr. Brann, and all of of make-up gear tightly clutched the receipt of the property appeared in the sisle, making

engaged in philanthropic work who have no knowledge, other than theoretical, on either of these points.

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A mixed choir will sing Palæstrina's Broadway photographer.

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another \$100 fee and demonstrative thanks, and was bowed out.

This experience, like the first, brought about a nine days wonder among his friends of the congregation, as well as among the neighbors, which lasted until the murder of Andrew H. Green and the subsequent developments of the Platt suit explained the whole mystery.

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I. Nevada these days is well worth the asking about. It's in a boom that bids fair to surpass the best days on the Comstock, when Con. Virginia and Best and her were making bonanza kings, and Sandy Bowers was setting the pace of the wealth spenders, and Jim Ornsdorff dealt at the bank that took more money than was ever intrusted to Wells-Fargo. These questions seem to revive a memory of Nevada that antedates even those Comstock times, that have passed into history on the Siope and seem wellnigh as remote as the days of the Argonauts of the fall of '46, and those only less heroic souls who came in the spring of '56. To live in Nevada a man needs to be sure of good payment for the sacrificer it is a high plateau, where the for the sacrifice. It is a high plateau, where the soil is mostly alkall that sears the eyes and rasps the skin. Its forests are mostly the foot high growth of sage shab. Its rivers are more on the map than in their often dry beds, and the further a river flows from its head the less water it has, until at the end it trickles down a copher hole. It was the end it trickles down a copher hole. It is a specific to the same that way, no matter how they may write, and Carline and the end it trickles down a copher hole. It until at the end it trickles down a gopher hole. It is a dry land; water evaporates at the rate of a foot a month for three-quarters of the year. Yet here and there some easis shows the possibilities of the Why not look up the Declaration itself: Not and incre some oasis shows the possibilities of the soil when under the ditch of the irrigator and gives promise of the ultimate redemption that is hoped through water storage on the sunrise slope of the high Sterra; such an easis may be seen at the high Sterra and the high Sterr the high Sterra; such an oasis may be seen at Hum-bolds on the Central Pacific. Without the water the State is a tormenting succession of mountain condilleras from south to north with Intervening innabilants; in 1870 there were 42,491; in 1880, under the influence of the activity on the Comstock Lode, there were reckoned 62,298; in 1890 the failure of the great bonanza producers accounted for a dwindling to 45,761; and in 1990 the figure had receded below the population of thirty years earlies. there were reckned 62.296; in 1800 the failure of the great bonanza producers accounted for a dwindling to 45.76; and in 1900 the figure had receded below the population of thirty years earlier, being but 42.335, of which 5.216 were Indiana. Since then, however, the opening of the mines at Tonopan has brought in thousands of newcomers; the more recent discoveries at Goldfield have attracted 5.000 in searcely half a year, and the stream shows no sign of growing less. 2. Austin still exists, but its glory is departed: its population numbers but 700 and few stamps now fall in the milis that once reverberated against the Toyabe Mountains. As the bird files it lies 142 miles east of Carson City, but the wise bird never tries to fly athwart the Nevada ranges. By railroad the distance is nearly 300 miles. 3. Virginia City rose with the Comstock lode and it went down in the fall of the bonanza mines. 4. From Carson City to Sacramento the distance by

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declare a day a dies non jurificus in law and to control the enormous business transactions affected thereby is within the legislative province of each State. Because they are observed, in accordar with State legislation, in each State, certain he days have a national character, but they are not national holidays in the sense that they are made such by national legislation. Each State makes itis own holidays, and the number varies widely

Although suggestions have been made that the symbol represents the pillars of Hercules or the caduceus of Mercury, it seems less far fetched to regard it as a pictograph of the Spanish arms to be found on all pieces of eight. The list of such money symbols is remarkably small as compared with those for weights and measures. Some two years ego the United States made the first modern addition to money symbols, a distinguishing mark for its Philippine dollar. This may be described as a black letter minuscule p (for peso) with two bars scored across its stem.

Is the phrase "He has got the best of me" correct?
My friend claims it ought to be "He has got the
better of me."
WILLIAM COHN.
Your friend's claim seems to have all the weight
of grammatical authority. He uses a sentence that will stand parsing in every part, and few will be found to deny that all really good literature parses—at least it should if it doesn't. If you should

I have the works of Thomas Davis, O'Callaghan and Mrs. O'Connell relating to the Irish Hrigades in the service of various European nations. Can any of your readers refer me to any other books (novels excluded) relating to the Brigades?

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